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Wednesday - 13 September 1972

1. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and made a tentative date for Friday to review the specific reductions in the IC budget presentations. Preston told me that they are fragmented so that it will be necessary to go back over the documents to determine the total of reductions. He reconfirmed that the Agency budget was not reduced by the Committee. Messrs. Briggs, OPPB, and [redacted] 25X1A IC, have been advised.

2. (Unclassified - JGO) I talked to Bernice Kalinowski, House Armed Services Committee staff, Susan McMahon, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and Helen Mattas, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, concerning the distribution of a Cornell University study by D. Gareth Porter, a research associate at Cornell's international relations of East Asia project. None of the offices contacted have heard about any distribution of the report on the Hill. Mr. Carver, SAVA, has been advised.

3. (Secret - JMM) Talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about Chairman McClellan's reaction to the matter of withdrawals from our Reserves. He said on two recent issues, McClellan indicated he planned to raise the matter with the Director before the full Subcommittee at an early date, particularly on the question of "how do these projects serve U.S. interests?" Woodruff said he explained to McClellan some of the activities involved were carried out on the direct orders of the President and the Agency was merely acting as executive agent. However, McClellan indicated he would look to the Director for an explanation and justification.

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3. (Confidential - JGO) I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the material covered after he left the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Slatinshek said he thought this present system of operations of the Subcommittee has worked well so far. In his judgment it "has taken the heat off the Agency" as far as the liberal members of the Armed Services Committee are concerned and possibly some of the more liberal elements of the House itself. In his opinion Mr. Nedzi seems to have the confidence of both the Chairman and the liberals. I thanked Mr. Slatinshek for his observations.

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4. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Representative Bill Nichols to say that [redacted] in whose case Nichols had been particularly interested, was scheduled to come on board on 11 December. Mr. Nichols was very appreciative.

5. (Secret - JMM) George Carver, SAVA, and I appeared before an informal session of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee for a routine briefing. Present were Chairman Nedzi, Representatives Melvin Price and William Bray and Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek. Mr. Carver covered Indochina and I reported briefly on recent intelligence developments and on the reasons for our concern over the McCoy book implying Agency involvement in the opium traffic. See Memorandum for the Record.

6. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered to David Martin, on the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, our comments on the material he had sent to us last week concerning General Walt's testimony and asked him to give us a call if he has any questions. See Journal of 8 September.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) In response to his call, I met with Jack Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and after checking with 25X1A [redacted] FE Division, gave him telephone numbers for Lou Conein. This was by way of followup to a suggestion made in yesterday's meeting with Agency representatives that he might want to contact Mr. Conein directly concerning the statements made by Mr. McCoy with regard to interviews with Mr. Conein. Mr. Brady told me in confidence that the staff report will be classified secret. The report is in response to Chairman Morgan's personal request. See Journal of 6 September 1972. Messrs. Warner, OGC, and [redacted] have been advised. 25X1A

6. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that Chairman Nedzi would like a briefing on Monday at 10:30 a.m. In Slatinshek's opinion the briefing would be an updating of the previous briefings given the CIA Subcommittee on the world situation. He suggested, however, that it would be well if we called Nedzi directly to identify any particular items he might want covered.

7. (Secret - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on a current question of withdrawal from the Reserves. He said he would take this up with Chairman McClellan the first of the week, but could not predict how McClellan would react since this was the first time such matters had been brought to his attention. During the ensuing luncheon with Woodruff he talked freely about the general political situation on the Hill and his own plans. He said McClellan was adding some much needed personnel strength to the Committee staff and will probably be making other changes in the days ahead. He predicts McClellan will be tough and demanding but far more orderly and satisfactory to work with than Ellender.

Briefed Woodruff on recent developments regarding Soviet radar deployment, Chinese air defenses on Indochina border, Soviet nuclear test, Soviet OB in the Far East, Soviet space developments, status of new Soviet bomber, and tests of SS-NX-8.

8. (Secret - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Soviet radar deployment, Chinese air defenses on Indochina border, Soviet nuclear test, Soviet OB in the Far East, Soviet space developments, status of new Soviet bomber, and tests of SS-NX-8. He said maybe Chairman Stennis will want an update briefing on Soviet strategic weapons in the next week or two.

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9. (Secret - JMM) Met with Richard Perle, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, who said Senator Henry Jackson was concerned over a recent informal exchange between a number of Soviet and American scientists. See Memo for Record.

I briefed Perle on recent developments regarding Soviet radar deployment, Chinese air defenses on Indochina border, Soviet nuclear test, Soviet OB in the Far East, Soviet space developments, status of new Soviet bomber, and tests of SS-NX-8. 25X1

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Perle said Senator Jackson was much interested in the implications of the U.S. Soviet wheat deal and might like a briefing on the long-range aims of the current Soviet trade policies with the U.S.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, who said he would like a briefing at 10:30 a.m. Monday, 11 September 1972 in Room 2339 Rayburn House Office Building, covering, among any other timely items:

a. The situation in Vietnam (North and South)
b. The background of a 19 June Newsweek story claiming that 5,000 Vietnamese were massacred in connection with "Speedy Express"
c. The "specifics" of the Agency's objections to the McCoy book.

25X1 11. (Unclassified - JMM) [redacted] and I met with Representative Jack Brooks whom we briefed on our problems regarding the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill, H.R. 12652. Brooks said he would be glad to help us but pointed out that the Agency position would be hard to sell if the problem reached the floor because of substantial suspicion and ignorance among the membership as a whole as to what the Agency was up to.

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STATOTHR 4. (Confidential - JGO) In response to his telephone call, met with Mr. Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.). Mr. Cohen gave me an extract from a letter to the Senator relating to one 25X1A [redacted]

Mr. Cohen is also forwarding the same information to the Bureau. 25X1A [redacted] has been advised.

5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on the status of the "Ervin amendment" now pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Preston told me that it would be his suggestion that Mr. Helms call Chairman Mahon if it becomes necessary to have Chairman Mahon talk to Chairman Celler about this bill.

I briefed Preston on Soviet forces near the Chinese border and two pending major Soviet space events.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the status of the Ervin bill amendment pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Slatinshek recommended that we await further developments in the handling of the bill by the House Judiciary Committee before any further consideration of intercession by Chairman Hebert in the matter.

7. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Jack Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who returned this weekend from a "drug survey" in Indochina and scheduled a meeting with him for debriefing for tomorrow, Wednesday, 6 September, at 2:00 p.m. Brady asked, if possible, if he 25X1A could meet immediately with [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A After checking with [redacted] FE Division, I told Brady that [redacted] is fishing in the wilds of Minnesota on a well-earned leave and is not available but I was sure that this matter could be handled fairly completely in the meeting tomorrow afternoon. Messrs. [redacted] OCI, 25X1A

25X1A and [redacted] FE Division have been advised. 25X1A

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